



**CITY OF MONROVIA  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
AGENDA REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** August 13, 2024

**PREPARED BY:** Eugene Suk,  
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**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-2

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for July 2024.

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide an update on maintenance, progress updates for Canyon Park Infrastructure Improvement Project and activities related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of July 2024.

**BACKGROUND:** For over a century, Canyon Park has been used as a recreational park by visitors and Monrovia residents. Services in Canyon Park include special events; Naturalist led night hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, trails, a waterfall, and views of the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, Naturalists and volunteers maintain the trail systems and facilities. At this time, the park remains closed while we complete the Infrastructure Improvement Project.

In 2016, the City opened over 4.5 miles of HWP trails providing passive recreational opportunities for the community. Park Naturalists patrol the HWP and urban parks two times a day by vehicle, utility terrain vehicle and foot.

**ANALYSIS:**

Canyon Park

During the month of July 2024, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 138 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included brush clearance, fallen tree removal, and improvements on the trail to prevent trail erosion. Managed Career Solutions (MCS) focused on helping our team with brush clearance and reestablishing the historic Ben Overtuf trail from post fire and rainstorm damage.

The Infrastructure Improvement Project updates for this month include:

- Repairs to fencing at the Mal Packer and Fireman's Flat fence was completed. Top bars were added in these areas.
- Work continued this month on the completion of the new sewer line and conduit for future fiber lines.
- The ADA ramp has been filled and awaiting concrete for the pathway to the amphitheater.
- The amphitheater progress is near completion. New accessible ramp, seating walls and the veneer have all been completed.
- The veneer has been installed on the retaining wall near the middle restroom.
- The second culvert overflow spill way foundation has been prepared for completion.
- Photos attached show progress.

**CC-2**

## Amphitheater



## Middle Restroom



### Hillside Wilderness Preserve

Canyon Park Volunteers and MCS crews worked on various projects throughout the month of July. MCS cleared brush along segments of the Lower Clamshell Motorway. Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing along trails and installed edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.

Our patrols and information from our Eco-Counter showed a slight decrease in the overall total of recreational users. Staff attributes the decrease to higher temperatures. However, the pattern of usage continues to have higher trail users in the early morning and late afternoon. Based on the data, we saw an increase of hikers entering and exiting through Ridgeside compared to the previous month. Hikers may have shortened their time on trails so they can avoid the high temperatures we seen in July.

A breakdown of the information of activity and patrols can be found below.

**July 2024**  
**Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log**

**Canyon Park and HWP 138 hours of maintenance in July 2024**

July 1	Hillside Wilderness Preserve – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
July 8	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
July 10	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
July 15	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
July 17	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
July 19	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail, and worked on removing a tree that fell onto the trail.
July 22	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers worked on removing a tree that fell onto the trail.
July 29	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers worked on removing a tree that fell onto the trail.
July 31	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers worked on removing a tree that fell onto the trail.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for July 2024.

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED:** If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-2 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for July 2024.

# July 2023/2024

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																			
	# of staff patrols 2023	# of staff patrols 2024	Pedestrians 2023	Pedestrians 2024	Vehicles 2023	Vehicles 2024	Cyclists 2023	Cyclists 2024	Pets 2023	Pets 2024	Public Service Calls 2023	Public Service Calls 2024	Smoking Ban Calls 2023	Smoking Ban Calls 2024	Wildlife Sightings 2023	Wildlife Sightings 2024	Unsecured Gate 2023	Unsecured Gate 2024	Citations 2023	Citations 2024	Activity Totals 2023	Activity Totals 2024
<b>Sleepy Hollow</b>																						
July 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ridgeside</b>																						
June 1-7	14	14	47	35	0	0	12	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	42
June 8-14	14	14	51	41	0	0	10	6	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	51
June 15-20	14	14	66	29	0	0	15	12	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	49
June 21-28	14	14	56	44	0	0	4	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	52
June 29-30	6	6	12	18	0	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																						
June 1-7	14	14	18	21	0	0	10	5	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	34
June 8-14	14	14	25	32	0	0	8	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	41
June 15-20	14	14	32	27	0	0	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	29
June 21-28	14	14	45	30	0	0	4	8	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	42
June 29-30	6	6	16	12	0	0	7	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>Highland</b>																						
June 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 15-20	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
June 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 29-30	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>= 248</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>375</b>

Eco - Counter July 2024					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	5,466	176	161	219	7/24/2024
Ridgeside In	3,049	98	91	119	7/24/2024
Ridgeside Out	2,417	78	70	101	7/24/2024